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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

The Mayor and City Council are scheduled to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2012-13 after a public hearing at the May 2 special meeting. Information: 703-385-7870.

City Government Offices Close May 28

City government offices will be closed May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

The General District Court also will be closed. For information, call 703-385-7866.

The CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule; 703-385-7859.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected Monday, May 28. Those with regular Monday (and Tuesday) service should place their items at the curb for collection on Tuesday, May 29. Information: 703-385-7837.

Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts continues through May 6 with arts activities in and around Fairfax. Information: www.fairfaxspotlight.org. 703-352-ARTS.

If you're new to the city, welcome! Call 703-385-7800 for new resident information.

Ashby Pond Goes Green; Re-Opened for Public Use

Ashby Pond Conservatory Site is helping scientists measure and remove pollutants from the pond.

The Mayor and City Council recently dedicated the site (pictured, right), where Virginia Tech installed floating treatment wetlands. This new technology treats urban runoff: hydroponic plants float on rafts and receive nutrients from pond water. Additionally, tubs have been installed adjacent to the pond.

Water samples are collected both up- and downstream to help the city see how the water flow and floating treat-

ment wetlands remove pollution from the pond. Information on the project is posted at the park.



This project is funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation under the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Funds.

The city purchased the 3.71-acre site at 9817 Ashby Road in 2008 as part of the city's open space acquisition program.

For information, call 703-385-7816. (Photos by Chris Cohen, City of Fairfax)



Photo: Kevin Knapp

Fairfax Civil War Day May 5 features history extraordinaire. See page 2 for information!

City Council Holds Public Hearing on Water Treatment Plant May 8

For the past 50 years, the city has produced quality drinking water at the city's water treatment plant, located in Loudoun County. The treated water is provided to city customers via the city's 22-mile water main and local distribution network.

Due to the age and location of the city's water treatment plant facilities, City Council has initiated a study to identify and evaluate the most efficient and cost effective water treatment options available to its city residents and other water customers. City Council continues to seek public input on this important issue.

The options have been narrowed to two: invest substantial sums for capital improvements to the city's water treatment facilities or sell the plant and purchase capacity in the Fairfax Water supply system.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the topic at its meeting May 8, and the public is encouraged to attend and speak on the matter. The City Council will make a decision at a future City Council meeting.

An informational brochure was sent to residents and is posted on the city's website. Information: 703-385-7920.

Petersen Remembered for Community Service

John Earle Petersen, former Councilmember for the City of Fairfax, passed away April 4. The city mourns his passing.

A resident of the city since 1966, Petersen was elected to City Council in 1972. Even after his term on Council, he remained active both in the government and community and was a member of the city's Economic Development Authority, whose focus was to foster and stimulate economic development and redevelopment in the city.

Petersen was a professor of public policy at George Mason University. Prior to joining the faculty in 2002, he was president and division director of the Government Finance Group/ARD.

Born May 5, 1940, in Lafayette, La., he spent his formative years in Chicago. After earning a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in 1962, he earned his M.B.A. in public finance and Ph.D. at University of Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary; daughter Mary; son Senator J. Chapman; daughter Elizabeth; and eight grandchildren.

Real Estate Tax Bills Mailed

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills will be mailed in May. For information, call 703-385-7904.

Property owners who pay their real estate tax directly and do not receive a tax bill should call 703-385-7904.

Residents who receive a real estate tax bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment should immediately forward the bill to their mortgage company.

State Tax Holiday in Effect May 25-31

The Commonwealth of Virginia has established a tax holiday May 25-31 to help with hurricane and emergency preparedness equipment.

In general, generators, inverters and inverter power cables costing \$1,000 or less, and other supplies costing \$60 or less — from bottled water to batteries to insulated lunch bags — will be exempt from state sales tax during the holiday period. For information, visit www.tax.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-8031.



Fairfax Civil War Day May 5

10 am to 5 pm

Historic Blenheim Estate

3610 Old Lee Highway

Information: www.fairfaxva.gov • 703-591-0560

Events

All day: meet General Robert E. Lee, General Ulysses S. Grant, General George B. McClellan, Colonel John S. Mosby, the Yankee Schoolmarm and the Village Blacksmith; and see a depiction of African slave life through living history presenters.

House tours offered, Civil War Interpretive Center Gallery open all day

Wagon rides: Noon to 4 p.m.

Demonstrations, Author/Vendor Tent

- ☛ Researching Your Civil War Ancestors — C.K. Gailey
- ☛ Jewelry and Women's Accessories — Steve and Kathy Markardt
- ☛ Civil War Naval Artifacts — Doug Cooke
- ☛ Civil War Medicine — Adele Air/National Museum of Civil War Medicine
- ☛ Civil War Balloon Aeronautics — Kevin Knapp
- ☛ Civil War Railroads — Ron Beavers
- ☛ Civil War Music — *Southern Horizon*

Schedule of Events

- 10 a.m. ~ Camp opens
- ~ Civil War balloon inflation with Thaddeus Lowe — Kevin Knapp
- 10:30 a.m. ~ Talk: "Sarah Tracy: Civil War Guardian of Mount Vernon" — Jenee Lindner
- ~ Beginners Boot Camp — Youth Program — 17th Virginia Infantry
- 11 a.m. ~ Talk: "The Butterfield Twins: the 83rd PVI and the 44th NYSV" — George Deutsch
- 11:30 a.m. ~ Cannon Firing Demonstration — Carpenter's Battery
- Noon ~ Talk: "General George B. McClellan Addresses the Army of the Potomac" — Neal West
- 12:15 p.m. ~ Talk: "The Mystery of McClellan" — Burrus Carnahan
- 12:30 p.m. ~ Civil War Music: Southern Horizon — The Lee Moment
- 12:30 p.m. ~ Beginners Boot Camp — Youth Program — 17th Virginia Infantry
- 1 p.m. ~ Talk: "Germans in the Civil War" — Reudiger Lentz
- 2 p.m. ~ Infantry Firing Demonstration — 17th Virginia Infantry
- 2:30 p.m. ~ Presentation: "Meet Grant and Lee" — Al Stone as General Lee and Don McConnell as General Grant
- 3:30 p.m. ~ Beginners Boot Camp — Youth Program — 17th Virginia Infantry
- 3:30 p.m. ~ Talk: "Civil War Soldiers: Lives Changed Forever" — Joe Stahl
- 4 p.m. ~ Cannon and Firing Demonstrations — Carpenter's Battery
- 5 p.m. ~ Camp closes

General Information

- ☛ Parking and shuttle (both full accessibility) from Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run; service offered every 15 minutes from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (no parking at event site)
- ☛ Admission: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (free age 2 and younger)
- ☛ Food by Red Hot and Blue, Colonial Kettle Korn and Historic Fairfax City, Inc.
- ☛ Presented by the City of Fairfax, Historic Fairfax City, Inc., and the 17th Virginia Infantry "Fairfax Rifles." Schedule subject to change.

Learn About Fairfax and Regional History Through Lectures at Museum, Blenheim

City of Fairfax history programs continue as the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Second Sunday Series continues May 13. Dr. Kate Waller Barrett: *Mother to Many*, a free program commemorating the bicentennial of the Ratcliffe-Allison House and featuring a new exhibit on Barrett, will take place at 2 p.m. at the house, 10386 Main Street. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Two more events are on the horizon. *Seen through the Eyes of German-American*

Caricaturists: The American Civil War features a talk by Ruediger Lentz, executive director of the German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA, at 2 p.m. June 23. At 2 p.m. July 28, Civil War historian George Deutsch will tell the tale of 'One of the Very Best Regiments: The 83rd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Both programs will be held at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-591-0560.



Then and now: utility poles on Route 236/Main Street, east of University Drive (above) and underground (right). (Photos by Satoshi Eto, City of Fairfax)

Clear View on Main Street



Utility Undergrounding Makes a Visible Difference in Old Town Fairfax

Sometimes it's easy to miss what's no longer in sight, such as the utility lines that once hung across streets and between buildings in Old Town Fairfax.

However, as the lines have been placed in underground channels and the poles have been removed, the change becomes more clear.

Placing utility lines — phone,

power, cable — under these city streets began about six years ago, and only a few poles remain slated for removal.

In the end, the view is clear, the lines are safe and easy to access, and the downtown maintains the charm it has boasted since the Town of Providence was established in 1805. For information, call 703-385-7810.

General Election Set for May 1

Registered voters in the City of Fairfax may cast ballots in the May 1 General Election for Mayor (one position), City Council (six positions) and School Board (five positions). Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Sample ballots are available online and from the General Registrar's Office.

At the city's six polling locations, voter parking and polls will be clearly marked. Polling locations will be in use for other purposes, such as schools, daycare, church services or government

services, so voters are reminded to travel carefully in these areas.

Voters should remember to bring identification, such as a driver's license or military identification card, with them to the polls; those who do not have identification will be asked to sign an *Affirmation of Identity* before voting.

After polls close, election results will be posted as they are available on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, and on the city's website.

For information, call 703-385-7890.

Prepare for June Republican Primary Election

Registered voters in the City of Fairfax may cast ballots in the June 12 Republican Primary Election, in which the Republican Party will be nominating a candidate for the U.S. Senate and 11th district of the U.S. House of Representatives. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 12.

Qualified voters who will be age 18 or older by November 6 may register and vote in the primary. Voter registration ends at 5 p.m. May 21 until after the primary election. Voter registration

forms are available from a number of resources, including City Hall and online from the Virginia State Board of Elections (www.sbe.virginia.gov).

Absentee ballot applications will be accepted by mail and fax through 5 p.m. June 5, and in-person absentee voting ends at 5 p.m. June 9. The General Registrar's Office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays), as well as from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9 for in-person absentee voting.

For information, call 703-385-7890.



ALMANAC

Place Trash, Recycling at Curb Just for a Day

Remember to be courteous to your neighbors when placing trash and recyclables at the curb for collection: remove them promptly.

Trash and recycling may be placed at the curb for collection no sooner than dusk the evening before collection. Please return empty containers to your property by dusk the day of collection.

Some items may be at the curb longer. For example, yard and home improvement debris from do-it-yourself jobs can be placed at the curb the weekend before collection.

Remember, the city does not collect debris from contractors, including builders and gardeners. Contractors must provide their own debris removal.

Paper Shredding Events Scheduled

The Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual shredding day event from 9 a.m. to noon May 5 at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive. Donations benefit the volunteer fire department; 703-385-7877.

Fairfax County holds paper shredding events available free to city residents. The next one will be from 8 a.m. to noon May 19 at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike; 703-324-5052.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Check out these flyers:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837



NEWS & NOTES

Antique Car Show to be Held May 19

View antique cars — and see a Ford Model-T rebuilt in 15 minutes — at the Antique Car Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19 at 10455 Armstrong Street (in front of City Hall). This area of Armstrong Street will be closed to traffic during the event.

The show is presented by Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club, the Downtown Fairfax Coalition and the city. For information, call 703-273-6097.

Yard Maintenance Rules Apply in Fairfax

Spring has sprung, and in the City of Fairfax, property owners are responsible for keeping grass and yards clean and mowed. The city collects yard debris from the curb. Yard waste (grass clippings, shrub clippings, acorns, weeds, etc.) must be in containers (paper or plastic bags or labeled trash cans). Limbs/branches must be cut to no more than eight feet in length and placed at the curb. For information, call 703-385-7837.

Contractors who provide yard services must dispose of their debris; the city does not collect it.

Grass and weeds that grow higher than six inches constitutes a violation, and city residents may receive a notice of violation from the Office of Code Administration. After providing notice, the city may have the grass/weeds cut at the owners' expense.

To report a suspected violation, e-mail complaints@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7830. Reports may be made anonymously.

Find out first! Find out fast!
Sign up for eMAS,
the City of Fairfax electronic
message alert system,
on the
city's website:
www.fairfaxva.gov.



Ride of the Patriots is May 27; Affects Fairfax Boulevard Traffic

Join the Memorial Day celebrations May 27 with a hometown parade and the annual Ride of the Patriots.

This ride honors military and public safety personnel and is a staging area for Rolling Thunder, a national motorcycle event.

From 6:30-9:30 a.m. May 27, eastbound Fairfax Boulevard will be closed from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle to accommodate thousands of motorcycles expected to line up for the ride. During this time, westbound Fairfax Boulevard from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle will become a two-way street.

The parade will step off at 7:30 a.m.

on eastbound Fairfax Boulevard from Capt. Pell's Crab House near Plantation Parkway and will end at Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Boulevard.

Opening ceremonies begin at 8:05 a.m. at Patriot Harley-Davidson.

Beginning at 9 a.m., motorcycle riders will depart under police escort for the Pentagon.

Bleachers will be set up for spectators. Veterans groups will sell food and drinks on the route. Parking is available at Fairfax High School and the Fairfax Circle shopping center.

For information, visit www.rideofthepatriots.com or call 703-352-5400.

Speakers Available for Community Group Meetings

City of Fairfax
Fire Department
703-273-8109

City of Fairfax
Police Department
703-385-7960

Mason
Speakers Bureau
703-993-8761

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Volunteers Sought for City Advisory Boards

- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed. Meets as needed.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for a city resident, one vacancy for a city business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy for a city business representative) — Serves in an advisory role to the City Council and all city boards and commissions regarding environmental and energy conservation issues.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.



MAY CABLE SCHEDULE

Candidates Night

The Candidates Night sponsored by the American Legion Post #177 will be shown at 4 pm May 1. The show is archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

Election Results

Election results from the May 1 General Election will be posted on Cityscreen-12 when they are available after polls close.

The Fairfax Scene

Through May 14, learn about when Union soldiers were in Fairfax in March of 1862.

Beginning May 15, swing dance along to highlights from *Swing, Swing, Swing*, a Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts event.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily, is archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions



Wednesday, May 2, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Thursday, May 3; Friday, May 4; Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6, 10 am and 7 pm
Archived online May 3
OnDEMAND replay begins May 6
Tuesday, May 8, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, May 9; Friday, May 11; Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13, 10 am and 7 pm
Archived online May 9
OnDEMAND replay begins May 13
Tuesday, May 22, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, May 23; Friday, May 25; Saturday, May 26; Sunday, May 27, 10 am and 7 pm
Archived online May 23
OnDEMAND replay begins May 27

School Board Meeting



Monday, May 7, 7:30 pm, LIVE

replays: Tuesday, May 8 10 am; Thursday, May 10, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online May 8

Planning Commission Meetings



Monday, May 14, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, May 15, 10 am, 7 pm; Thursday, May 17, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online May 15

Road to Recovery

This series, produced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, delves into issues surrounding alcohol and drug addiction.

It plays at 10 am and 7 pm on days when no meetings are scheduled.

**To borrow or purchase
Cityscreen-12 programs,
call 703-385-7803.**

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.



Proposed Agendas for City Council, School Board, Planning Commission

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

May 2 special meeting

- Public hearing on the City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-13.
- Consideration of an ordinance amending the City Code to increase the water utility rate by 7.5 percent and the wastewater utility rate by 12 percent for fiscal year 2012-13.
- Consideration of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code Chapter 90 pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2012, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.
- Consideration of adoption of City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-13.

May 8 regular meeting and work session

- Introduction of appropriation resolutions fiscal year beginning July 1 2012. Appropriation resolutions are needed for the General, Capital, Wastewater (Sewer), Water, Transit, Stormwater, Cable, and Old Town Funds in order to implement the fiscal year 2012-13 budget.
- Public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the two options that have been identified for the future of the city's water treatment plant in Loudoun County.

May 22 regular meeting and work session

- Introductions: of an appropriation resolution for fiscal year

2012-13 non-discretionary expenditures; of an appropriation resolution for fiscal year 2012-13 federal and state grant expenditures.

- Public hearing on appropriation resolutions fiscal year beginning July 1 2012. Appropriation resolutions are needed for the General, Capital, Wastewater (Sewer), Water, Transit, Stormwater, Cable, and Old Town Funds in order to implement the fiscal year 2012-13 budget.

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

May 7 regular meeting

- Approval of Naming Lanier Living Classroom.

May 21 work session

- End-of-year reports from City School Board representatives to Fairfax County Public School Committees.
- Finalize agenda for June 9 School Board Annual Retreat.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

May 14 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

Meeting information, including agenda items, is subject to change; call to confirm.





CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

March 13

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a special event application request by Paul VI Athletic Booster Club/Options Program for a 5K race through Fairfax Heights and Moore & Oliver residential neighborhoods.

Public hearings

- Deferred, unanimously, an ordinance granting a license agreement to FiberLight of Virginia, LLC to March 27, 2012.
- Denied, unanimously, the request of Nassiba Ishchanova for a special use permit pursuant to City Code Section 110-482(17) to operate a home child care facility with up to 12 children in the R-2 Residential District at 10012 Morningside Court.
- Approved, unanimously, the request of Turnpike LLC, owner and applicant by Molly Novotny, Agent, for a special use permit for a 'big box' retail store pursuant to City Code Section 110-782(A) (10) at 9500-9580 Main Street, subject to conditions.

Actions out of the closed meeting/ Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Confirmed the following appointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments:
 - o COG Board of Directors – Councilmember Drummond, Councilmember Greenfield (Alternate)
 - o National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board – Councilmember Meyer, Councilmember Drummond (Alternate)
 - o Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee – Councilmember Stombres, Mayor Lederer (Alternate)
 - o Region Forward Coalition – Councilmember Greenfield
 - o Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee – Councilmember Schmidt, Councilmember Greenfield (Alternate)
 - o Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee – Councilmember Stombres
 - o Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee – Councilmember Meyer

- Confirmed the appointment of Paul Cunningham as the Planning Commission Representative to the Board of Architectural Review for a one-year term extending through February 7, 2013.
- Confirmed the appointment of Jennifer Passey as the Planning Commission Representative to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a one-year term extending through February 7, 2013.

March 20

- Approved, 5-1, that the City Council set the advertised 2012 real estate tax rate at \$1.01 per \$100 of assessed value. (*In favor: Councilmembers Drummond, Greenfield, Schmidt, Silverthorne and Stombres; opposed: Councilmember Meyer.*)

March 27

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a resolution accepting the Virginia Department of Emergency Management 2011 Competitive Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$21,080.96 and Consideration of a resolution adopting the update to the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan. (*Mayor Lederer and Councilmember Greenfield were absent.*)

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council adopt a resolution to approve the request for the Greene Turtle, for a special exception to permit two building-mounted tenant signs and signage to be displayed on seven patio umbrellas, located in the Old Town Plaza, 3950 University Drive, and subject to conditions. (*Mayor Lederer and Councilmember Greenfield were absent.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance granting a license to, and approving a license agreement with, FiberLight of Virginia, LLC, to utilize portions of the city's public rights-of-way. (*Mayor*

Lederer and Councilmember Greenfield were absent.)

Comments by City Council

- Requested the bottles of water on the dais be replaced with pitchers of water and cups, as it is more environmentally friendly.

Attend a City Council meeting in the City Hall Annex. Agendas are available on the city's website: [click here.](#)

Watch televised City Council meetings live and replayed on Cityscreen-12, the city's cable television station, as well as on Cox Communications OnDEMAND and on the city's website. Meetings also can be downloaded in MP3 and MP4 formats for mobile devices. See page 5.

In Case of Emergency...

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone
24-hour access, updates

1650 AM radio

24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours



Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

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City of Fairfax Community Calendar

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		1  <i>General Election — polls open 6 am to 7 pm</i> English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	2   City Council special meeting — budget adoption, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	3  Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	4  Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	5   <i>Fairfax Civil War Day — see page 2</i> Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Fairfax VFD Shredding Day, 9 am to noon, Fire Station 3 Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours
6  Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm Sundays through October, West and Main streets; www.fairfaxsaturndaymarket.com/sundaymarket.php; 703-430-6168	7  <i>Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</i> Astronomy observing session, 9 pm, George Mason University observatory	8  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	9 <i>National Bike to School Day</i> League of Women Voters meeting, 6:15 pm, Yeng Chang Restaurant Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center	10 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center	11 Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>The Muppets</i> , 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	12 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm City of Fairfax Band: <i>Dancing Down Broadway</i> , 8 pm, Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street
13 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: <i>Dr. Kate Waller Barrett: Mother to Many</i> , 2 pm, Ratcliffe-Allison House (note location)	14  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	15 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	16 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6:30 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	17 <i>Submission due for Trails Day photo contest</i> Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	18 Daniels Run Elementary School Spring Fling, 6 pm, Daniels Run Elementary School Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	19 Farmers' Market Document shredding event, 8 am to noon, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale Antique Car Show, 10 am to 3 pm, in front of City Hall Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm
20 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station	21 <i>Last day for voter registration before the June 12 Republican Primary Election</i> <i>Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School</i>	22  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	23  Don't forget: National Trails Day is June 2 — check out the city's website for information on scheduled events.	24 Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	25 <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	26 <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i> Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm
27 <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i> Ride of the Patriots event, 6:30-9 am, Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Boulevard Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Trash and recyclables not collected</i> City government offices closed; General District Court closed; CUE Bus on a Saturday schedule; Fairfax Museum open <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i>	29 <i>Monday and Tuesday trash and recyclables collected</i> Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Rising Ninth Grade Parent Night, 7 pm, Fairfax High School	30 <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i>	31 <i>Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</i>	 Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.	
						 Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm Saturdays through October, West and Main streets; www.fairfaxsaturndaymarket.com; 703-430-6168



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Farmers Markets Begin in May

Two long-standing farmers markets begin again in May in the city. For information, call 703-642-0128.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays from May 5 through October 27 in the lot at the corner of West and Main streets.

The Sunday Farmers Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays from May 6 through October 28 in a new location: the lot at the corner of West and Main streets.

Children's Performance Series Continues

The Old Town Hall Children's Performance series continues May 7 and May 21. These free shows offered September through June begin at 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. For information, call 703-385-7858.

Submit to Trails Day Photo Contest by May 17

Celebrate city parks and trails by submitting photos to the Trails Day photo contest. Photos may be in any format, but must be submitted electronically to

the city by May 17. Visit the city website for submission information.

Trails Day is June 2, and the city will celebrate with a number of events, including the cleanup of Daniels Run Park trail and creek, Tour de Fairfax bike ride, naturalist interpretation and photo contest display at Van Dyck Park. Events begin at 9 a.m. June 2; visit the city website for information.

Trails Day celebrates the 22-plus miles of walking, cycling and running trails extending throughout the city. Information also is available at www.fairfaxtrails.com.

Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Continue

Take a free tour of the city's oldest residence — the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street — from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October.

Tours also may be scheduled in advance. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Convertibles, Drivers Sought for Parade July 4

The city seeks convertibles with drivers to drive dignitaries along the parade route at the Independence Day Parade in

Old Town Fairfax July 4.

The city also seeks volunteers to help with many other aspects of the parade and other events of the day. For information, call 703-385-7858.

Local Pools Offer Memberships

Residents have a number of local pools from which to choose. (The city does not have municipal pools.) Memberships and fees may apply.

- Country Club Hills Swimming Pool, 3622 Old Post Road (www.cchpool.com)
- Fairfax Swimming Pool, 4200 Roberts Road (www.fairfaxpool.com)
- George Mason University Aquatic Center, 4400 University Drive (recreation.gmu.edu/aquatics)
- Mosby Woods Swimming Pool, 3136 Plantation Parkway (www.mosbywoodspool.com)
- Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recomrec.htm)

**Check out *Leisure Times*
for classes, trips, activities,
special events and more!**

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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